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## NOELE SENTIMENTS. CLOTHED IN ELOQUENCE.

Sermon Preached by Rev. W. F.  
Jones on Sunday Last.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto  
the Lord.—Psalms, 92: 1.

"Gratitude is a primary instinct of un-  
perverted human nature. In view of  
great and manifold blessings, the human  
heart finds natural expression in the  
voice of praise and adoration. Thanks-  
giving is the instinctive answer of the  
recipient to the bestower, the grateful,  
filial instinct of man responding in  
words to the Fatherly goodness of God.  
Dwellers in Christian lands, with prac-  
tical unanimity, consent to the declara-  
tion of the Psalmist. The designation  
by the Chief Magistrate of our nation,  
and by the Governors of our common-  
wealths, of one day as the Nation's An-  
nual Thanksgiving Day is a happy usage  
and one most becoming. God's good-  
ness in the great and manifest interposi-  
tions which mark our history is a con-  
stant challenge upon our gratitude and  
thanksgiving. Ours is by way of pre-  
eminence a God-ordained, a God-nur-  
tured, a God-preserved nation. Nation-  
al gratitude and national thanksgiving  
should well up spontaneously at such a  
time as this. What nobler, more in-  
spiring spectacle can be conceived than  
of a great nation making public ac-  
knowledgment of the manifold mercies  
of God?"

Looking back from the vantage ground  
of today, we can see innumerable causes  
for thanksgiving. It must lie in all our  
minds that our nation has just passed  
through the heated period of a presiden-  
tial election for the twenty-eighth time  
without disaster, without recourse, as  
in so many other republics, to sword  
and bayonet. Of this John Bright said  
in the past, "every four years there  
springs from the vote created by the  
whole people a President over the United  
States. I think the world offers no  
finer spectacle than this; it offers no  
higher dignity. If there be on earth  
among men any divine right to govern,  
surely it rests with the ruler so chosen  
and so appointed." How grateful we  
ought to be at this time the crisis of the  
past few months was passed without  
riots and revolution, and that the whole  
people so quietly accepted the decision  
of the ballots. Few things more manly  
and noble were ever penned than Bryan's  
message to McKinley after the election,  
"We have submitted the issues to the  
people, and their will is law."

Looking at our nation's past, God's  
hand so often appears as to make him  
seem blind who cannot discern that  
God has been a silent partner in this  
nation's history. In the formation and  
placing of this continent, God's hand is  
evident, in anticipation, creating a fit  
theater for the outworking of His grand  
designs for the good of mankind and the  
promotion of His own glorious kingdom  
of righteousness. In advance, God  
stocked our land with every gift need-  
ful for the upbuilding of a great civiliza-  
tion. We, as Americans, may well  
appropriate the words of Tennyson,  
"the good God seems to have taxed  
Himself to see how much happiness He  
could crowd into one star."

Yet not alone, or chiefly, does the  
good fortune of this favored land appear  
in its climatic and material riches, but  
rather in the quality of its founders.  
The Pilgrim Fathers were picked men  
in an age notable for men large of mind  
and great of heart. They were the  
best blood of the masterly Anglo Saxon  
race, men of heroic breed, of lofty faith,  
men who had been tempered by the fires  
of persecution into Christian fortitude,  
who only bent the knee to God.

Then, again, we remember with grati-  
tude the ideals of our nation's founders,  
than which none nobler have ever been  
conceived, ideals which have been con-  
structive potencies in the uprearing of  
our national edifice. Their supreme  
ambition was the deeply religious desire  
to make the new world a "true city of  
God." Coupled with this was the wish  
to so organize liberty that America  
should become the world's educator in  
free institutions. The watchwords em-  
blazoned upon the banners of the new  
republic were religion, liberty, and in-  
telligence.

Even Franklin, who is not commonly  
credited with being an orthodox Chris-  
tian, was greatly impressed with the  
evidences of God's interpositions in be-  
half of the Colonies during the war of  
the Revolution, as witness his speech  
before the Constitutional Convention,  
advocating the opening of its sessions  
with prayer. So also did Washington  
make grateful acknowledgment of the  
divine aid, in his address to his soldiers.

If God was with our nation in its in-  
ception, how can it be doubted that He  
wrought for our preservation in that  
greater peril which came only a genera-  
tion ago, when the national integrity  
was assailed and the flag fired upon.  
It was of God that the shot which set  
fire to Fort Sumter, also enkindled the  
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## Buck Fever.

A football team from Mt. Pleasant  
Normal school came down to Alma on  
the 7:15 train last Saturday morn-  
ing to play a game with the Alma High  
School team. After waiting until about  
eleven o'clock a sudden fear came upon  
them and they began to wish that they  
were not on the banks of the Pine. The  
Gods of Olympus were propitious to  
them and a telephone message from Mt.  
Pleasant called them home on the noon  
train to compete with the Bay City  
High School boys on the home grounds.  
This game they won by the score of  
14 to 4. It will be remembered that our  
boys gave Mt. Pleasant a terrible defeat  
about two weeks ago and the team was  
in a much better condition for this game  
so the smallest possible score would  
have been 30 to 0. It was a great dis-  
appointment to Alma people as the  
game was well advertised, the snow all  
cleaned from the ground and all other  
arrangements completed. We'll match  
Alma football teams against the world.

## Mysterious.

Some little time after our paper had  
been out last Thursday night, two boys  
came upon the body of a male infant  
lying in a swamp near the village. The  
authorities were notified and the body  
placed in the lockup. Friday morning  
a coroner's inquest was held, and after  
a thorough investigation they gave the  
following verdict, "That said child  
came to death by undue care." The  
suspicion of having committed the act  
was laid to the charge of no person, and  
the fact will probably remain a mystery  
to the end of time.

Saturday morning on an order from  
the authorities at Ann Arbor, Marshal  
Greig expressed the body to them.

The parties covered their tracks very  
well for no clue of any sort can be found.

## Logomachy.

About twenty-five young people were  
invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed.  
Hannah last Friday evening. A large  
part of the evening was spent in playing  
progressive logomachy. First prizes  
were won by Misses Hannah and Stevens  
and J. B. Stevens, and the booty prizes  
Mrs. Wise and Fred Fullerton. Re-  
freshments were served after which a  
genuine good time was enjoyed by all.  
All present expressed themselves as  
highly pleased with the evening's enter-  
tainment.

## College Notes.

J. C. Foote visited his sister at Ithaca  
over Sunday.

Dr. Brooks' classes were excused  
Tuesday because of his illness.

Paul Bruske wrestled with an attack  
of the gripe the last of the week.

A. J. von Page preaches in the Pres-  
byterian church at Lafayette Sunday.

Remember the Adelphe public Nov.  
30th. A fine literary program has been  
prepared.

Mrs. Plum left Thursday morning for  
Ypsilanti to attend the meeting of the  
State Kindergarten Association.

Miss Carrie Urquhart returned to  
Lansing Saturday after a two weeks'  
visit with friends at the college.

The Alpha Theta young ladies are  
preparing for one of the most unique  
and pleasing entertainments of the year.  
Don't forget the date, Dec. 11th.

Mrs. Plum gave a thanksgiving party  
to the little folks of the Kindergar-  
ten department Tuesday morning.  
Miniature pumpkin pies, cakes, etc.  
constituted the bill of fare.

The faculty have very generously  
granted the students an extension to  
the holiday vacation, making the clos-  
ing of this term Friday Dec. 18 instead  
of the following Wednesday.

The Adelphe male quartet has been  
reorganized again this year with the  
following members: First tenor,  
Stewart; second tenor, Foote; first  
bass, Nelson; second bass, Bush.

Mr. W. McCarty, a former student, is  
just now engaged in religious revival  
work. His efforts are being wonder-  
fully blessed of God to the saving of souls.  
In a two weeks' series of meetings just  
closed, forty-six have made a public  
profession of Christ. His friends here  
rejoice greatly at his magnificent suc-  
cess.

## The Replevin Suit.

Some time ago J. N. Ford, proprietor  
of the Wright House Livery Barn, took  
a horse belonging to T. F. Timby to  
board. While out exercising the horse  
on the day of Sept. 24, the horse ran  
away hurting itself quite severely. Dr.  
Covels was called, against the instruc-  
tions of the proprietor, and treated the  
animal for about one week and not  
being able to collect his doctor fees he  
took the horse over to his barn and  
locked it up. Mr. Ford began a replev-  
in suit against him immediately for the  
recovery of the horse. The case was  
tried before Justice Dunham Monday  
afternoon and the jury brought in a  
verdict for plaintiff.

## Some Startling Bargains in Coats

We must have more room for our Holiday Goods. We need the space  
where our Coats are displayed. We must have the room, so to make quick  
sales we will offer our entire stock of Coats and Capes at greatly reduced  
prices. Here are a few of the bargains:

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3	"	"	15.00, " " 11.00

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## School Notes.

The primary grades give a Thanks-  
giving day exercise today.

Mable Washbourn expects to spend  
Thanksgiving at her home near Merrill.

Marlie Slingluff returned to his studies  
this week, his supposed diphtheria being  
only a severe cold.

While coming to school Monday  
morning, Miss Burns fell, painfully  
spraining her thumb.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of  
last week Mr. Ely gave the eleventh  
grade Rhetoric class a mild examina-  
tion, which however some were not able  
to survive.

Visitors: Monday, Frank Grover,  
Chas. VanWegen and Bertha Struble.  
Tuesday, Misses Peters, Barkley, Ely,  
Dean and Miss Lottie Hill and Frank  
Taylor of Elwell.

Dr. Brainerd gave an excellent talk  
on The Muscles in the high school room  
before the pupils of the grades from  
seventh to twelfth. This is the first of  
talks to be given by the physicians of  
this place.

## Sanitarium Notes.

Dr. J. N. Postal of Hinckley, Ill., who  
made such rapid recovery while here,  
writes that he is much improved.

The new training class of '98 began  
their work this week. They received  
an invoice of \$75.00 worth of books to  
begin with. The class is under the im-  
mediate instruction of Dr. L. W. Dud-  
ley.

Mr. Rowland Lowe, manager of the  
Butterworth & Lowe Co. of Grand  
Rapids, rode through from Grand  
Rapids on horseback that he might  
secure the outdoor exercise.

M. M. Day of Chicago, for twenty  
years a member of the Board of Trade,  
reports himself as more than pleased  
with the institution and says that he is  
fast recovering from his severe nervous  
attack.

Among other guests we note the fol-  
lowing: J. P. Malette, Mrs. M. Ray-  
mond, M. M. Day, J. Eugene Smith,  
Chicago; Rowland Lowe, G. K. Nelson,  
H. G. Menston, Mrs. A. R. Jones, Miss  
Rose Jones, Grand Rapids; Mrs. E. H.  
Wagner, Hinckley, Ill.; Mrs. H. W.  
Hinsdale, Bery S. Hinsdale, Evanston,  
Ill.; C. B. Turner, Pontiac; J. R.  
Hunkey, Bowling Green; John Bastable,  
Toledo, O.; W. R. Deberaux, Green-  
wood, Col.; A. Devereux, Jr., Rev. W.  
E. Davidson.

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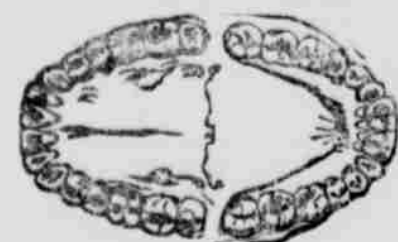
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